



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07812.0060-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Howard GOODMAN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1714
	)	
Application No.: 10/561,837	)	Examiner: Kriellion Antionette SANDERS
	)	
Filed: September 7, 2006	)	
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For: PARTICULATE CLAY MATERIALS	)	Confirmation No.: 3011
AND POLYMER COMPOSITIONS	)	
INCORPORATING THE SAME	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.